

A Message that Cannot be Ignored

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The gospel is a message that cannot be ignored because it is true.

- ¹ Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.
² And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.”
Acts 17:1-3 (ESV)

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The gospel is a message that cannot be ignored yet it can be accepted or rejected.

- ⁴ And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵ But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd.
Acts 17:4-5 (ESV)

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The gospel is a message that cannot be ignored because it has a real and observable impact on the world.

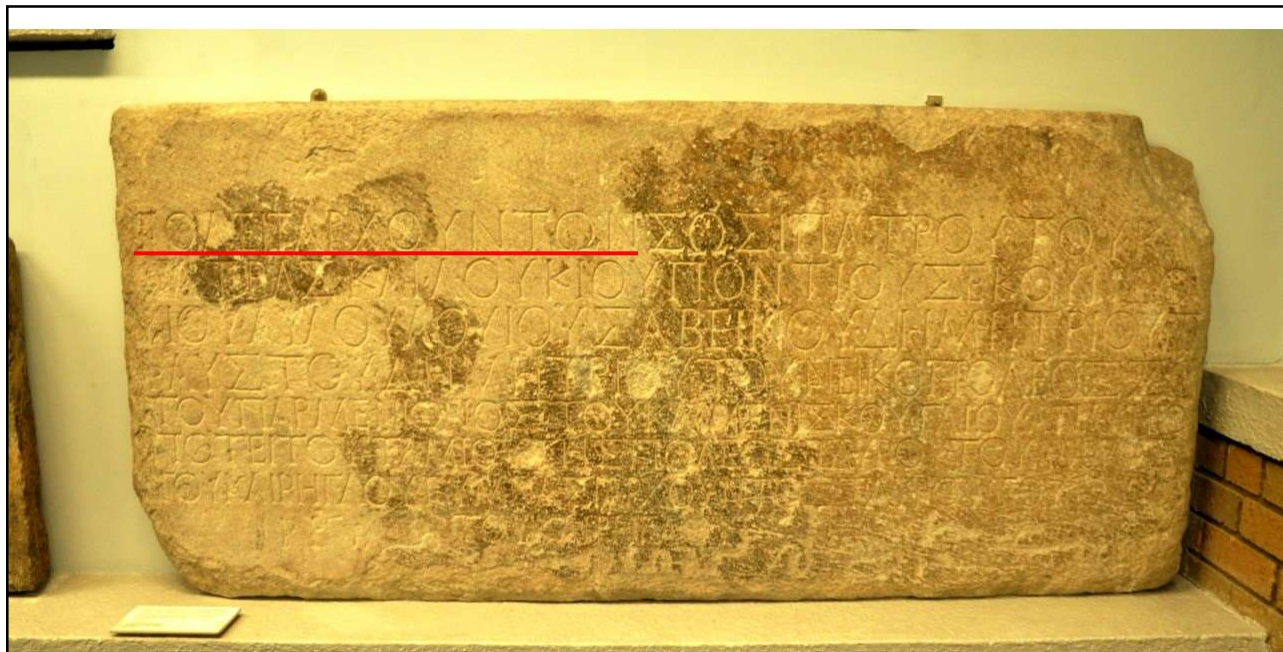
- ⁶ And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also,
Acts 17:6 (ESV)

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The gospel is a message that cannot be ignored despite attempts to discredit it.

- ⁶ And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, ⁷ and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.” ⁸ And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. ⁹ And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.
Acts 17:6-9 (ESV)

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ΠΟΛΕΙΤΑΡΧΟΥΝΤΩΝ, politarchs in Thessalonica, Acts 17:6,8, translated “rulers of the city”

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